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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a water resources committee.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.200 Water resources committee
2 established.

3 1. A water resources committee is established.

4 a. The committee shall consist of three members of the
5 senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, two
6 members of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the
7 senate, three members of the house of representatives appointed
8 by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members
9 of the house of representatives appointed by the minority
10 leader of the house of representatives.

11 b. Members shall be appointed prior to January 31 of the
12 first regular session of each general assembly and shall serve
13 for terms ending upon the convening of the following general
14 assembly or when their successors are appointed, whichever is
15 later. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
16 original appointment and shall be for the remainder of the
17 unexpired term of the vacancy.

18 c. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice
19 chairperson. Meetings may be called by the chairperson or a
20 majority of the members.

21 2. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed for
22 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance
23 of their duties and shall be paid a per diem as specified
24 in section 2.10 for each day in which they engaged in the
25 performance of their duties. However, per diem compensation
26 and expenses shall not be paid when the general assembly is
27 actually in session at the seat of government. Expenses and
28 per diem shall be paid from funds appropriated pursuant to
29 section 2.12.

30 3. The committee shall:

31 a. Provide continuing oversight for water quality and water
32 quantity in the state, including oversight of the Iowa nutrient
33 reduction strategy and its implementation, to ensure effective
34 and efficient administration of surface water, groundwater,
35 drinking water, and floodwater programs and initiatives.

